



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Bowers Colonial Encyclopedia

2 messages

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Feb 24, 2010 at 9:59 AM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Good Morning Eric!

I hope you're managing to stay warm this time of year, and hope you're in good health. Looking through the list of contributors to the Colonial Encyclopedia, it appears to be a Who's Who of C4 members. I've made it a personal goal to try to get the signature of all the contributors. Some will require me to mail the book. Would you be willing to sign my copy if I mail it to the Museum?

2010 looks to be an active year for colonial numismatics. I expect there will be two manuscripts for colonial books ready to go to our editors this year. The Summer ANA is in Boston, has a colonial theme and I hope to have C4 working closely with the ANA and possibly exhibit a close to complete Red Book Type Set of Colonial Coinage. Will you be travelling to the East this year?

Thank You,
Ray Williams

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

Wed, Feb 24, 2010 at 10:24 AM

Dear Ray:

It is exciting that you continue to stimulate the advance of numismatic scholarship. I have just had an item published in The Asylum. I have a pending article awaiting acceptance. A few other things are on the stove. If you want me to sign a book I participated in I will gladly do it but it would be more practical to send it to my home at 6450 Cecil Ave., St..Louis MO 63105

My wife and I will spend considerable time in Chilmark,Martha's Vineyard this summer at our shack and if you want to come to see us there I am sure we can arrange a mutually convenient time. The birds are sensational;The ocean and ponds are 270 degrees around us. We have an osprey nest on the top of an old telephone pole within view.

Eric

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Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

NJ Bill with Woodbridge

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Jun 9, 2010 at 1:15 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Cc: David Gladfelter <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric!

Hope all is well with you today. I've been meaning to share this bill with you for a while now and recent communications with David Gladfelter has reminded me to do so. The image of the attached bill has the town of Woodbridge misspelled. I might write a little something about it for the C4 Newsletter as a "filler" article for Syd, but please consider this email as permission for you to use these images for anything you want to publish. Thanks for what you've done for colonial numismatics!

Have a great day!

Ray

2 attachments



NJ Bills Woodbridge0005.jpg
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NJ Bills Woodbridge0006.jpg
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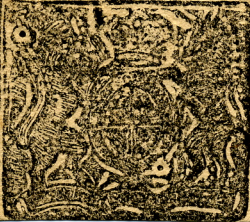
Twelve SHILLINGS.

[No. 2636]

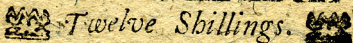
THIS *BILL* by LAW shall pass current
in NEWJERSEY, for One Ounce, [●●] Fifteen Penny-
weight of PLATE.

December 31, 1763.

Twelve SHILLINGS.




In Johnston
Rich Smith
Bot. Merrill

 Twelve Shillings. 

To counterfeit is Death.



 Woodbridge:

Printed by JA. PARKER.





Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

ANA Boston

3 messages

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Sun, Aug 1, 2010 at 11:35 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric!

I just saw the wonderful picture of you and Evelyn in tonight's E-Sylum. I liked it so much that I printed a copy to tuck in my Early paper Money of America book! According to the Article, you are enjoying some time in Martha's Vineyard. I wonder if there really was a Martha that had a vineyard... I hope you are able to attend the ANA Convention In Boston. If you will be there, do you know which days? I have a book I'd like you to autograph.

I hope you both are enjoying good health and I look forward to the 6th Edition of Early American Paper Money!
Ray Williams

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

Mon, Aug 2, 2010 at 1:18 PM

Dear Ray:

It was kind of you to notice the Audubon grouse article which will be published by the University of Pennsylvania Press in a few weeks. The press release about it apparently went out to a lot of people and organizations. The article has lots of images and details. The work I did was not in the American Colonial period but will you excuse me for that. My coauthor asked me to do it.

I do not plan to attend the ANA convention and know you and the gang will have a great time. I am working on an exciting new American Revolution coinage problem now so I am not idle.

Best to everyone.

Eric

[Quoted text hidden]

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Aug 2, 2010 at 1:46 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Hi Eric,

Thank you for the fast reply. I'm sorry I won't see you in Boston. You are certainly excused for doing work on a non-colonial topic! I look forward to the conclusion of the current research you are doing and discovering what it is. I could NEVER imagine you being idle! If I can ever be of help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a great vacation!

Ray

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 02, 2010 1:18 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: ANA Boston

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Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Continental Currency

3 messages

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Fri, Oct 22, 2010 at 1:17 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric,

I hope you are doing well. I was at Princeton University for the lecture this past Sunday and the NY Numismatic Club raised a glass and toasted to your (almost) 100th Birthday. Congratulations! When is the actual day?

Well, I also come with a question. I just obtained a \$5 1779 Continental Currency and one of the signatures is that of a Thomas Edison. I find conflicting information on who is Thomas Alva Edison's ancestors. Do you have any information about the actual Thomas Edison that signed this note? Was he a banker from NYC, or a resident of Philadelphia? Do you know of a connection between this Thomas Edison and the famous inventor?

Thank You!

Ray

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

Fri, Oct 22, 2010 at 5:21 PM

Dear Ray:

I am delighted that you and members of the NY Numismatic Club attended the Princeton Library Paper Money Exhibition. It must have been a wonderful event. I was invited to attend but my coauthor of the grouse article did attend. I did not go even though I seem fine (just old) but try to limit the amount of travel and physical activity substantially. My century birthday hopefully will be May 25, 2011 as long as you asked for it but it is over one half year away. What is important is that I think have a few of my marbles left so that I can continue American numismatic research and writing..

As to the Edison matter I originally relied on my close friend, Joseph Lasser, for appropriate identification of signers of Continental Currency primarily to determine whether they were important loyal individuals or perhaps fictitious names used by counterfeiters. I had a ton of colony and state signers to work with. After that I did not do more genealogy because that became a gigantic somewhat diversionary subject I have no idea about the connections to the famous Edison name although it is my wife's maiden name and the name of her grandfather. Her grandfather's grandmother was the matriarch of the family in early Latvia and her name was Eida (sometimes spelled Aida as in the Verdi opera in celebration of the opening of the Suez Canal) or Ida. She had no last name (I think that was customary) so her sons were given the last name of Eidison. When her family came to United States the immigration authorities spelled it Edison. The only connection I have to Thomas Edison is that I am a graduate of MIT and he had no scientific education but in the latter part of the 19th century attended free lectures at MIT to be see if he could broaden his scope of ideas for inventions. The only other connection I have is that he was also born in the midwest.

It is always a pleasure to hear from you.

Eric

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Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Fri, Oct 22, 2010 at 6:11 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Hi Eric,

Thank you for the fast and thorough reply. I'm happy to hear you are doing well and I look forward to your birthday too. All of numismatics should have a piece of cake that night to honor your birthday! I'll have to mark it on my calendar so I don't forget. Diane and I will definitely have cake that night for your birthday, unless we are on diets (I should be). I know Joe Lasser. I'll contact him and see if he can be of any help with my Edison bill. I also know a young lady that is Mormon - maybe she could check what records the Mormons have in their genealogy library. The C4 Convention is going to be in Boston in a few weeks (November 11-14). If you can attend, I'll make sure we have a cake for you. I know you have relatives nearby, but I also understand you are limiting your travel.

Thank you again!

Ray

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2010 5:21 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Continental Currency
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Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

C4 Inquiry

5 messages

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Fri, Mar 18, 2011 at 2:22 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]> Thomas Serfass <[REDACTED]>

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I'm sure that this would bring spirited bidding (myself included) and benefit the C4 Treasury. Please let me know and we'll purchase a copy and mail it to you.

Thank You,
Ray Williams

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

Fri, Mar 18, 2011 at 4:44 PM

Dear Ray:

Only you would think up an idea like signing something on a specific date in the future. I will be glad to cooperate if you will guarantee that I will live and be able to do so. I realize that I would mess it up if I did it in advance. Perhaps that after that date I would ask a congressman to certify that the book was signed on the date requested. There could be an argument about which signature was more worthless.

There is no need to send me the book as I will be glad to furnish one. If I sign more than on the proper date and send them to you would that give the matter more publicity.

What I need is the exact language you think would be most appropriate to raise the most for C 4.

Thanks for giving me something to look forward to.

Looking forward to your 100th birthday and expect you to write me how you are doing.as still president of C-

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Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Fri, Mar 18, 2011 at 9:38 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Hi Eric,

You sound in great spirits! I'm convinced 100% that numismatics has kept you young! And having so much work still to do, also keeps you young! Signing just one book keeps it very special. Signing two... Last year, there were two specially bound catalogs made available for the auction. The first was bid and the bidder was given

the option to purchase the second at the same price or open the second for bidding to the public again. This gives someone of means the opportunity to purchase one for themselves and another to donate to a library (ANS?) So if you would like to sign a second on your birthday, that would be wonderful too. If a Congressman is at your party (I'm assuming your family is throwing a big party), it would be fun if he certified that the signature was yours.

As to how to sign it... How about something like:

*"A gift from the author to the Colonial Coin Collectors Club,
presented on my 100th Birthday, May 25, 2011."*

Signature

But whatever you decide to use would be just fine. You must be getting excited about reaching this milestone. I hope the day is very special and ALL of your family and many friends will be there to help you celebrate. I'm so appreciative of you attending a C4 Educational Forum, and being our featured speaker. Everyone had a great time listening to you recall your experiences in numismatics. You should write a biography. And I had a lot of fun at EAC in St Louis when we visited your museum. What a wonderful legacy the Newman Money Museum is for you! I didn't run for president last term. I served as president for 10 years and 3 months and it was time for some new blood, new ideas and fresh energy. But I'm still as active as ever behind the scene. I enjoy being active. I hope numismatics keeps me young for another 40 years too!

Thank you so much,
You're a wonderful person!
Ray

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Safe in St. Louis

5 messages

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Sat, Apr 23, 2011 at 9:13 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

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Ray

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
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Sun, Apr 24, 2011 at 2:31 PM

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Eric

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To: [REDACTED]

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Fwd: Safe in St. Louis

1 message

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

Mon, Apr 25, 2011 at 2:49 PM

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: 4/24/2011 9:16:39 P.M. Central Daylight Time
Subj: Re: Safe in St. Louis

Hi Eric,

You gave me a lot to think about. I know exactly what you mean about not enjoying working with people that have ego trips. There must be a lot of people that collect colonial paper, but besides myself, David Gladfelter is the only other I know personally. He is an excellent researcher and has a passion for the hobby. I've never looked at your book with the idea of improvements or suggestions. It is an awesome reference just the way it is. Of course more plated examples is always desirable, and with the cost of printing in color gradually becoming more reasonable... more color images would be great too. I know that dealers advertise bills for sale using Freidberg numbers. Maybe we could develop Newman numbers that would incorporate the State, Denomination and Date. It could look like: NJ15S0376. That number could represent a 15 Shilling bill from New Jersey March 1776. I'm just thinking off the top of my head here. A numbering system where the number actually tells you something about the bill could be well received. If there are several varieties of the same date and denomination, such as the NJ 6 Shillings of March 1776, the number could be followed by a small letter: NJ6S0376a and NJ6S0376b. Again, just thinking out loud.

My personal works are a couple of articles I published in the C4 Newsletter. One where I found contemporary documentation for the NJ two-signature bills of February 1776 being captured by the British. The other was an observation about the Fractional Continental Currency where I believe the number of dots within the square (that houses the sundial) actually represents the value in shillings. Research is so much fun. I wish I had time to do it. Retirement for me is at least 5 years off, but I look forward to the time when I can contribute to the hobby to help repay all the enjoyment I've received from it.

Must retire for the evening - tomorrow is a work day. I'll give the 6th edition some more thought. Do you know how long the 5th edition will be in dealer inventory? Probably the worst thing you could do is flood the market with a new edition when dealers are stuck with large inventories of the old one.

Good Night,
Ray

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2011 5:36 PM
To: [REDACTED]
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I have often thought about your suggestion of a 6th edition of Early Paper Money of America but for the present I am working on other early American numismatic research. I already have some notations of amplifications, improvements and corrections for the book. Do you think your work and the work of others you are aware of are significant enough to tackle another edition? I control the copyright. There have been suggestions that all pieces should be in color and all nearer full size. There is a thought that more than one example be illustrated for a single issue but this would be an a great expansion Stuart Levine would have to be asked to develop revised current values and that would be a lot of work At your convenience why don't you send me a list of possible changes you have or know about The cost of printing and the number which can be sold should be estimated .Who would you suggest as possible able volunteers as ego trips are not my cup of tea. There is also the opportunity to consider an amendment to the 5th edition. You are a thinker and have so many contacts that your opinion would be very valuable to me. Thank you for your encouragement. Eric

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Messages for Eric

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Wed, May 25, 2011 at 9:46 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric,

Below are messages I received today that were sent to me to pass on to you. If I receive any more, I'll send them tomorrow.

Happy 100th Birthday!

Ray

From: [Neil Rothschild](#)**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2011 5:15 PM

Happy Birthday, Eric!

They say that the first hundred are the toughest ☺

Best,

Neil Rothschild

From: [Lawrence, Kathy - 1798](#)**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2011 5:24 PM

Ray,

I had the good fortune to spend about an hour with Mr. Newman at his library about a year and a half ago. I was in St. Louis for the paper money show and made time to go visit the Newman Museum. I couldn't believe my eyes when he walked in! We literally sat knee to knee and I was able to ask him questions about Colonial notes, research, etc. That visit stands as the highlight of my numismatic experiences and I can't think of anything that

would top that. Mr. Newman was so nice and I sure appreciated the amount of time he spent talking with me. A friend who was with me took a picture of me with Mr. Newman, but unfortunately it's very blurry. I do wish I'd been able to get a better photo that I could hang in my home library.

A friend of mine collects counterfeit coin detection scales and he contacted Mr. Newman a while back with a few questions. Mr. Newman was very gracious and helpful.

Please pass along my sincerest birthday wishes to a true giant in the hobby and a very nice man!

Sincerely,

Kathy Lawrence

[5815 Clendenin Ave.](#)

[Dallas, TX 75228-6038](#)



From: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 5:52 PM

> Mr. Newman:

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> Lisa and I would like to congratulate you on your 100th birthday!

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> In 2000 at the ANA Convention in Philly, you came up to us and told us that Tett said hello. Lisa and I were like "holy crap, Eric Newman went out of his way for that?" Eleven years later, and it's still fresh.

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> However, the highlight of my 38 years of numismatics was the 2007 EAC Convention. "If someone tells you it's not about the money - it's about the money!" was great as it appeared on the wall of the Money Museum. Also, listening to you give contemporary account of numismatists from the 1920's and 1930's was like my maternal grandfather (b. 1915) telling me about his 1st trip to Yankee Stadium in 1927.

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> I will leave it at that.

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> Very truly yours,

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> Greg and Lisa Heim
> South Plainfield, NJ

From: [Roger Moore](#)

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 5:57 PM

To: [REDACTED]; [Colonialcoins](#)

Subject: [Colonial Numismatics] Re: [C4 online] Eric Newman's 100th Birthday today

Hi Ray, I sent Eric a pre-congratulations last month when I was asking for some help on a paper and sent him another congratulations earlier today. As you know I collect co-authors on the papers I write. Eric's name on my Virginia paper is the one I cherish above all others. BTW, he is having sent to me on loan some things that would have otherwise brought a project I am doing to a stand still. I think his willingness to help others in numismatic projects is a hallmark of Eric Newman. The selfish hoarding of images and data that occurred in others of his era (and in some of this era) is the opposite of his operational approach. I think that is one of the key reasons he is so respected and loved - of course there **IS** also the little matter of all his ground breaking research!! ;-) I hope he continues to contribute to numismatic research for years to come. Roger

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 6:00 PM

Happy Birthday Eric!

All the best,

Ed Sarrafian



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Happy Birthday!

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Wed, May 25, 2011 at 5:14 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric,

I just wanted to wish you a Happy Birthday - 100 years! Congratulations. I'm sure you must be busy with family and friends. You have truly been an inspiration and mentor to me, and I'm sure many more. Your years of research have made our hobby much richer and enjoyable for generations to come. And Thank You also for autographing The Early Paper Money of America book today for C4. I'm sure it will bring good funds for the treasury when we auction at our convention in Boston. I hope that Evelyn is having as much fun today as you are, but I suspect she's hard at work entertaining everyone.

Happy 100th Birthday!

Ray



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR. NEWMAN

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Thu, May 26, 2011 at 10:11 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric,

Another belated Birthday Wish. Have you recovered yet from all the cake?

Ray

From: [Frank Jozapaitis](#)**Sent:** Thursday, May 26, 2011 7:55 PM

Mr Newman

The first time I was fortunate to hear you speak was at the ANA Summer Seminar in 1987, and was amazed at how entertaining you were. Then I attended a Boston C4 Convention where you again spoke and it was equally enjoyable. Then I was lucky enough to visit your museum while I attended the EAC convention. I want to thank you for everything you have done for this hobby of ours and to wish you a very Happy Birthday.

Frank Jozapaitis



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

More Birthday Wishes

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Thu, May 26, 2011 at 7:37 AM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric,

I hope you had a wonderful Birthday yesterday, surrounded by friends and family. Here are a few more Birthday wishes:

From: Jeff Rock**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2011 11:57 PM

Happy 100th Birthday, Eric! While many will be in awe of this milestone number, I think what is TRULY awe-inspiring is that your mind remains as nimble, as curious, as youthful as ever. When most people peter out and can't do the most trivial of research in their 5th or 6th decade of life (and some can never do it at all!), you show us all that the brain is just like any other body part -- if you use it, it stays active and healthy. I've heard of studies that show that collecting and learning -- REALLY learning -- about something you care about adds years to ones life. Since I know you are still learning, still ferreting out the secrets and fascinating details of coins, I hope that it adds many, many more years to your already remarkable life.

Jeff

From: [REDACTED]**Sent:** Thursday, May 26, 2011 12:15 AM

Dear Eric:

Many, many happy returns on reaching this milestone. Not just 100 years, but 100 years of collecting, searching, studying, learning, writing and ultimately teaching and being a role model for us all. I appreciate having had the opportunity to sit and speak with you and benefit from your knowledge. My best wishes on your 100th birthday and may you be happy, healthy and productive for many more.

David Menchell

From: Mike Packard**Sent:** Thursday, May 26, 2011 12:48 AM

Eric,

Congratulations on reaching your 100th birthday. It is another highlight in a long list of personal accomplishments. We are happy that you are well and continuing your numismatic research. You have provided us with a lifetime of insights and research which have made our collecting more interesting, more rewarding, and more enjoyable. Too often we take others efforts for granted and do not recognize how much their efforts have contributed to our own enjoyment of the hobby. I would like to thank you for all your efforts. You are one of the giants on whose shoulders so many of us stand. Thank you for all you have done, and thank you in advance for your continued efforts that will expand the enjoyment of the hobby for us all.

Best wishes for a wonderful second century.

Mike Packard



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Book Donation

3 messages

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Sun, Jun 19, 2011 at 6:38 AM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Dear Eric,

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Thank You Eric!

Your Friend,
Ray

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
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Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Birthday Medal

2 messages

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Sun, Jul 3, 2011 at 9:24 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric,

Happy 4th! I just wanted to thank you for sending me one of the Birthday Medals that Stu Levine had made for you. It will have a nice home in my collection of numismatic medals. I'm waiting to hear what the ANS will be charging for the bronze medals they made to commemorate this event. It is a beautiful medal! Studying it, It pictures you reading a numismatic book. I can identify both State And Continental Currency. I can see a MA Copper, British 1797 Cartwheel <?>, Rosa Americana, Geo III 1/2d, a Virginia 1/2d and a Draped Bust Cent. I assume that the coin pictured with the Indian Head is actually an Indian Head Cent... What a beautiful tribute!

Thank You again and hope we'll meet again soon.

Ray

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

Tue, Jul 5, 2011 at 1:55 PM

Dear Ray:

I am so glad you like the artistry of the ANS plaque. I had nothing to do with the design or the coins included in it. I was only told that something was to be presented by top artists and I selected the time and place for presentation in New York City. Now ANS tells me that the next issue of the ANS Quarterly Magazine will be something more.

Happy Independence Eric

[Quoted text hidden]



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

NJ Bill

4 messages

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Aug 1, 2011 at 9:52 AM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

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Have a great day!

Ray

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

Mon, Aug 1, 2011 at 11:22 AM

Dear Ray:

I know of no horse head facing left but if you hold the bill up to a mirror you will have one. Otherwise take a photographic negative of the bill and make a positive print from the wrong side. Otherwise keep horsing around.

Eric

[Quoted text hidden]

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Aug 1, 2011 at 11:31 AM

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Ray

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 11:22 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: NJ Bill

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[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
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Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

NJ March 25, 1776 Question

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Aug 29, 2011 at 9:51 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric!

During the hurricane this weekend, I decided to take my colonial paper money, scan the images and describe them in my computer. I was reading what you wrote about the NJ Bills of March 1776. I don't see where in your description the date of March 25, 1776 comes into play. It is absolutely the date on the bills. But it doesn't look like the bills were "made legal tender by an act of September 20, 1776", and this was about 6 months after the date on the bills.

Could you help me with explaining the date of March 25, 1776 on the bills?

Diane and I fared well in the hurricane. there was flooding, loss of power, trees down and lots of damage all around me. My house was spared, no water was in my basement, no loss of power and no damage to my property! We were very fortunate!

I hope you are both well and enjoying the last days of Summer.

Sincerely,
Ray



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

North Carolina Bill question

3 messages

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Aug 30, 2011 at 9:22 AM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Good Morning Eric!

As I catalog the colonial bills in my collection, I came up with another question... on page 323 of the 5th edition the third line of the text makes reference to 12,500 bills being printed of the \$1/16 denomination. In the list underneath, there is no \$1/16 denomination. Was this a typo or was the \$1/16 issue left off the list?

Thanks,
Ray

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Aug 30, 2011 at 4:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Ray:

I will have to study this when I return to St. Louis. I am notifying Maureen Levine who is coordinating improvements. Thanks for noticing this apparent inconsistency . Eric

[Quoted text hidden]

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Aug 30, 2011 at 8:09 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Hi Eric,
Another observation...

Page 446 VA May 6, 1776 Bills	Printer Alexander Purdie
Page 447 VA Oct 7, 1776 Bills	Printer Alexander Purdie
Page 447 VA May 5, 1777 Bills	Printer A. Perdie
Page 448 VA Oct 20, 1777 Bills	Printer A. Perdie
Page 449 VA May 4, 1778 Bills	Printer A. Purdie
Page 450 VA Oct 5, 1778 Bills	Printer A. Purdie

There appears to be three different spellings/versions of the printer in the book. The only real question is: is it PER or PUR.

Thank you,
Ray

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 4:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: North Carolina Bill question

[Quoted text hidden]



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Re: 5th Edition

2 messages

Tue, Aug 30, 2011 at 3:37 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Ray;

Thank you for any suggestions for improvements for the hoped for 6th edition of my Early Paper Money book. I will submit your suggested pricing correction to Stuart Levine who did the pricing but we were not given time to find all the typos. Eric

In a message dated 8/30/2011 10:31:07 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, [REDACTED] writes:

Hi Eric,

On page 425 under the February 14, 1777 issue the pricing of the VG condition \$20 bill looks like it should be \$250 when compared to the \$30 bill.

I hate to bother you if I don't have to. If I notice anything unusual in the book, do you have an editor that will look into these things and keep notes for the 6th edition? I could send anything to him.

Thanks,
Ray

Maureen Levine <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Aug 30, 2011 at 3:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

I will start a file for edits.
--Maureen

Sent from my iPhone
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Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

North Carolina Bill question

3 messages

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Aug 30, 2011 at 9:22 AM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Good Morning Eric!

As I catalog the colonial bills in my collection, I came up with another question... on page 323 of the 5th edition the third line of the text makes reference to 12,500 bills being printed of the \$1/16 denomination. In the list underneath, there is no \$1/16 denomination. Was this a typo or was the \$1/16 issue left off the list?

Thanks,
Ray

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Tue, Aug 30, 2011 at 4:56 PM

Ray:

I will have to study this when I return to St. Louis. I am notifying Maureen Levine who is coordinating improvements. Thanks for noticing this apparent inconsistency . Eric

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Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Aug 30, 2011 at 8:09 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Hi Eric,
Another observation...

Page 446 VA May 6, 1776 Bills	Printer Alexander Purdie
Page 447 VA Oct 7, 1776 Bills	Printer Alexander Purdie
Page 447 VA May 5, 1777 Bills	Printer A. Perdie
Page 448 VA Oct 20, 1777 Bills	Printer A. Perdie
Page 449 VA May 4, 1778 Bills	Printer A. Purdie
Page 450 VA Oct 5, 1778 Bills	Printer A. Purdie

There appears to be three different spellings/versions of the printer in the book. The only real question is: is it PER or PUR.

Thank you,
Ray

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 4:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: North Carolina Bill question

[Quoted text hidden]



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

5th Edition

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Aug 30, 2011 at 10:31 AM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric,

On page 425 under the February 14, 1777 issue the pricing of the VG condition \$20 bill looks like it should be \$250 when compared to the \$30 bill.

I hate to bother you if I don't have to. If I notice anything unusual in the book, do you have an editor that will look into these things and keep notes for the 6th edition? I could send anything to him.

Thanks,
Ray



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Signed Paper Money Book

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Nov 14, 2011 at 10:19 AM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric,

I hope this day finds you well and happy! I just wanted to let you know that The Early Paper Money of America book you signed for us on your 100th Birthday was auctioned as one of 18 donated lots on Saturday night at the convention in Boston. It realized \$1100! It brought the highest bidding of any lot in the sale. The winning bidder is a good friend of mine and a great admirer of yours, but I'm sure he'll contact you at some point. Thank you so much for taking time to do this for us on your very special day! You are a good person!

I saw that the ANS Medals in your honor are being made available to the public. I can afford to get a copper example and will place my order this week.

Thank you for all you do!

Ray



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

ANS Medal

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Nov 16, 2011 at 7:28 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric,

I just placed my order for one of the ANS medals that they struck in your honor. All the details of the medal that pertain to you are just magnificent! The only problem is that now I have to wait probably another 3 months to receive it. But I will be patient. I hope you are as happy with the medal's design as I am. And you are deserving of such a medal too!

Ray



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Rittenhouse & NJ Bills

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Dec 28, 2011 at 4:54 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric!

I hope you're having a wonderful day today! I was reading through the 5th edition of the Early Paper Money of America and on the bottom of page 21 you note that Rittenhouse was responsible for the border designs on the 6 Pound 1776 NJ Bill. On the next page you state that NJ's source of paper came from Spotswood, NJ and that other paper mills existed that supplied paper for bills. I was wondering if you ever came across any information about the Rittenhouse family printing business selling paper for use in NJ bills? I would think that if Isaac Collins in Burlington, NJ would use Rittenhouse to make the border elements for the 6 Pound bill, why not purchase some paper from him?

This is just a general inquiry. I plan to visit Rittenhouse Town this Spring and learn as much as I can from their curators and docents. I've always been a big fan of Rittenhouse and maybe I can find some good information to write an article in the C4 Newsletter.

You continue to stay well and have fun in numismatic research in the second 100 years.

Your friend,
Ray



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Your letters

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Mar 5, 2012 at 5:27 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric,

I received your two letters that you mailed, with respect to a couple observations I made in The Early Paper Money of America. Thank you for the reply and I will tuck them in my working copy. I feel a little guilty that you took the time to actually write letters and use out postal system to deliver them. This is a rare occurrence today. But I am happy that I could make the smallest contribution to such a great work. I'm sure there will be a 6th edition - as soon as the 5th is sold out. I need to start encouraging others to write paper money articles for the C4 Newsletter. It is a fascinating area, in which very few colonial collectors have acquainted themselves.

Thank you!

Never stop the research!

Ray



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

"Six Degrees of Rittenhouse"

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Mar 21, 2012 at 8:49 AM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Good Morning Eric!

I just read an article written by John Kraljevich, the title is in the subject line. It can be found on page 67 in the April 2012 Numismatist. I imagine you receive so much material, you just can't read it all. So I am writing to make sure you look for John's article. I am a big fan of David Rittenhouse, and feel his accomplishments have been overshadowed in history by Ben Franklin.

Have a Great Day!

Ray



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Lord Baltimore Coinage

4 messages

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Thu, May 10, 2012 at 3:02 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric!

I hope you are enjoying good health and good weather in St. Louis! I always seem to be in need when I write and this time is no different. I was wondering if your museum has any nice examples of Lord Baltimore coinage. Lou Jordan (from Notre Dame) is writing a reference book on the topic and is just about done with the text. I'm attempting to get for him as many images of Lord Baltimore coinage as I can, both for study and for possible inclusion in the book. Would your museum have any examples? If so, could I get images of them somehow?

Do you have anything special planned for your birthday later this month? I hope you have a wonderful time!

Thank You!

Ray Williams

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

Fri, May 11, 2012 at 11:13 AM

Dear Ray:

Thank you for birthday greetings which I will celebrate at my granddaughter's marriage in Martha's Vineyard. Because of my age I have so many descendants now that there is a birthday, graduation, anniversary, marriage, honor or important event daily.

As to Lord Baltimore coinage I have several nice pieces which are at a bank vault and not at my museum. I will need a little time to have their images taken unless Lou has them already. I have had them for at least seventy years. Maybe George Fuld or someone else already has images or perhaps I have them but don't know where to look.

Keep up your exemplary numismatic work. Eric

[Quoted text hidden]

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Fri, May 11, 2012 at 12:05 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Thank you Eric!

Martha's Vineyard should be beautiful on your birthday - I hope the weather cooperates. I will contact Lou just to make absolutely certain he doesn't have the images from another source, and will get right back to you.

Thank You again,

Ray

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, May 11, 2012 12:13 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Lord Baltimore Coinage

[Quoted text hidden]

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Mon, May 14, 2012 at 6:59 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Lou Jordan <[REDACTED]>

Good Morning Eric,

Over the weekend I communicated with Lou Jordan and he verified that he doesn't have the images of your Lord Baltimore coinage. We would greatly appreciate it if you could supply the images at your leisure. I've CC'd Lou so he'll know to be expecting images when you're ready. Thank You!

I'm sure you'll have a wonderful time at Martha's Vineyard. I was there once for about an hour. What little I saw was beautiful. A NJ politician (Frank Lautenberg) had flown me there to do a survey of his summer home for audio and video. On the way home, the pilot of his plane let me sit in the cockpit and fly the plane up the Long Island Sound!

I must get to work. Thank you again in advance for your contribution to Lou's book!

You're Amazing!

Ray

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, May 11, 2012 12:13 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Lord Baltimore Coinage

[Quoted text hidden]



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi from Trenton!

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Feb 11, 2013 at 1:58 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric!

I hope you are doing well out there in St Louis. The big snow here this past weekend hit hard in New England, but only six inches here in Trenton. As you can imagine, rumors about the selling of your collection abound... where, all or part, who will auction it, etc. I hope that the sale will be something that will be pure fun for you, and nothing stressful. I also hope the auction house will do an outstanding cataloging job - something worthy of the collection you put your life into forming. I hope the catalog will serve generations to come as a primary reference. I know how much a part of my life my small collection is, I can only imagine how important your collection has grown in your life.

Have FUN!

Ray

PS In addition to collecting and studying coins, I also cherish the pedigrees they have. I hope that there will be something in the auction of your colonials that I will be successful adding to my collection, knowing that you also cherished it too.



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Col. Green?

1 message

Ray Williams & Associates <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 9:29 AM

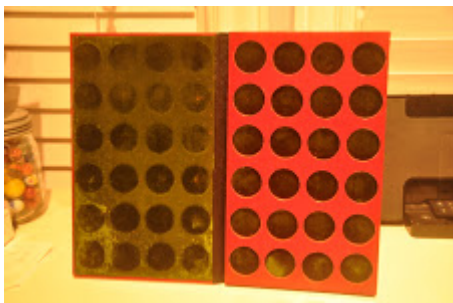
To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Good Morning Eric!

We haven't emailed for a while. I hope you are doing well and continuing with your research and writing. The purpose of this email is to ask a question... Attached are two images of a coin folder. It doesn't appear that it was mass produced commercially, but probably privately made to spec. The covers are a burgundy colored cardboard and the inside is a very nice green felt. This was given to me as a gift and the giver said that he thought it was part of the Col. Green collection. You are probably the only person who could have a chance of confirming this. The hole openings are 1 3/16" in diameter. Any help would be appreciated.

The NJ Copper book that I helped in editing is finally done and has just arrived at the ANS from the printer. I ordered a copy and also a copy of Phil Mossman's book on counterfeiting in colonial times. I'm looking forward to the 6th edition of the Early Paper Money of America.

Thank You,
Ray

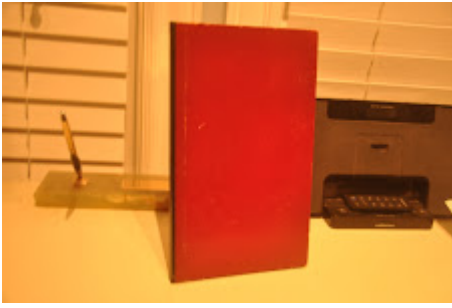
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Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Fwd: Folder & Permission

1 message

Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>
Reply-To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>
To: Print <[REDACTED]>

Sat, Oct 19, 2013 at 1:51 AM

----- Original message -----

From: Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>
Date: 10/18/2013 6:48 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Folder & Permission

Hi Eric,

I received your letter in the mail today with respect to my inquiry about an old coin folder I have. Thank you very much! I inquired of Dave Lange./ He has one or two but doesn't yet know anything about them. I don't have his book on coin folders yet - I will need to order a copy.

There is a second order of business... I have decided to write a book which I would want to own. I've thought about it for 5 years and decided to start now instead of when I retire in another 5 years. I plan to write about the signers of the colonial and pre-federal paper money of NJ. I plan to do a biographical sketch of each of them, along with the issues that they were authorized to sign. It should be a fun project with multiple trips to the State House and the NJ Historical Society. I plan to dedicate the book to you, as it was your book that inspired me to go on this adventure. Not being a writer, I don't know where permission is needed. I plan to have a couple appendices in the back, with charts of dates & signers chronologically, and also alphabetically. The charts I've made came essentially from information derived from your book. So if it's necessary, could I have permission to print these two charts because your work was my main source? I imagine that most of the research will be fun but some will take a lot of hard work to track down.

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I hope you have a great weekend!
Ray



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Fwd: South Carolina Bill

1 message

Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Oct 22, 2013 at 6:57 AM

To: Print <[REDACTED]>

----- Original message -----

From: Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Date: 10/22/2013 6:44 AM (GMT-06:00)

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]> Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Subject: South Carolina Bill

Good morning Eric!

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Ray

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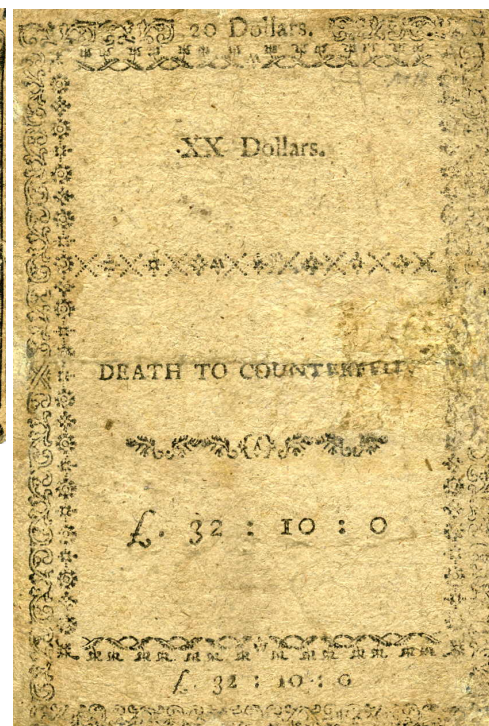
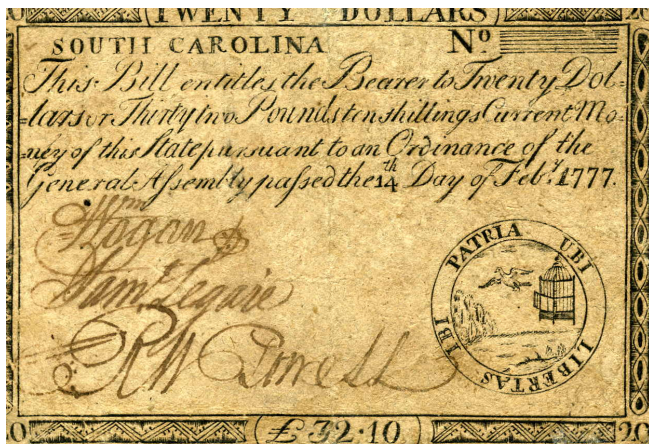
Thank You,

Ray



South Carolina \$20 bill.doc

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Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

(no subject)

1 message

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

Tue, Oct 29, 2013 at 1:49 PM

Dear Ray:

With respect to your 10/18/13 communication, you have asked for certain permission to write material on the signing of New Jersey colonial and pre-federal paper money. I do not know all the rules about permission. I have no intention of writing about or detailing the history of the signers but wish to retain and limit whatever we need for future writings ourselves. Whatever permission I am giving you is not assignable or transferable by you. We also would require anything you published or used to be furnished to us.

When you use the expression "pre-feral paper money of New Jersey" I assume that nothing you write will include anything beyond the date of death of any signer.

Thank you very much for planning to dedicate your book to us, and I agree with you, research will be fun and lots of hard work. I hope you and yours retain your marbles for you entire lifetime.

Eric



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Re: South Carolina Bill

1 message

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

Wed, Nov 27, 2013 at 11:34 AM

With respect to the South Carolina \$20 bill, the exchange value, in different areas or in different periods could have been inconsistent. If a new 6th edition of my book takes place, I will be glad to submit your inquiry. Many people have urged that a 6th edition should be developed.

Thank you for point out this curious puzzle.

My kindest regards.

Eric

In a message dated 10/22/2013 5:45:02 A.M. Central Standard Time, [REDACTED] writes:

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Thank You,
Ray



Eric Newman <

One copy is sold

1 message

Eric Newman ◀

Sat, Dec 14, 2013 at 10:32 AM

To: Jim Halperin <

Joel Orosz <

Len Augsburger <

Roger Burdette &lt

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----- Original message -----
From: Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>
Date:12/14/2013 8:54 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Hi from Trenton

Good Morning Eric!

I hope you and Evelyn are doing well. We're expecting some more snow this afternoon, but then we get nothing compared to what you experience in St. Louis. Will you be attending the ANS Gala Dinner in a few weeks? I know you don't travel much, but I'd love to see you again. I think my highlight of C4 Conventions was the one where you came to Boston to be our featured speaker at our Educational Forum. You have so much numismatic knowledge and written so many books and articles... but you have so many stories too. I'd love to read a book about your life and numismatics - it would be a best seller. I'm also looking forward to a 6th edition of the Early Paper Money of America.

The state of the hobby looks good and it's moving forward, thanks to researchers, writers and philanthropists like you.

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Ray

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Ray



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Re: Hi from Trenton

1 message

Tue, Dec 17, 2013 at 11:51 AM

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Your very kind note of 12/14/13 is very encouraging. I am not physically strong enough to attend the ANS Gala Dinner. You stated that you would like to read a book about my life and numismatics, and I am glad to tell you that Heritage Galleries is planning to write one. It is in its finishing stages. Stuart and Maureen Levine are helping me write a 6th edition of the Early Paper Money of American, and I hope that this happens.

I hope you have a meaningful and delightful 2014 and beyond. You have been so encouraging to me and everyone else that we follow your example.

Eric

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2013 8:54 AM

To: [Eric Newman](#)

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Ray



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

The Cold,

2 messages

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Jan 7, 2014 at 3:02 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric,

I have been watching the Weather Channel on TV. I was feeling sorry for myself with the frigid weather we are experiencing in NJ, until I saw what you are enduring in St Louis! I hope you both are warm, comfortable and well stocked with food. There's always good numismatic research, and articles to write, to help pass the time.

Freezing in NJ

Ray

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

Tue, Jan 7, 2014 at 3:44 PM

please print and give to Eric

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Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Freezing in NJ

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Sun, Jan 26, 2014 at 6:44 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric!

I hope it's warmer in St Louis than it is here in New Jersey! I was thinking a few minutes ago about all the ANS COAC's I've attended and how much fun they were. I learned so much and had the opportunity to hear the experts present their papers. Most of the COACs culminated in a book which contained all the papers. Of all the different colonial topics covered, there was never one on Colonial and Confederation Paper Money. The topic does not get the exposure in numismatics that it truly deserves. Your The Early Paper Money of America is the standard reference, and will remain so for another century. Stack's used to sponsor these COACs, but the ownership has changed and I don't know if their participation is still available.

I would personally love to see a COAC dedicated to our early paper money and named after your work. If this is something you would also like to see, maybe you could place the thought in the ears of the right person when you happen to be communicating with the ANS. I am just a typical collector but you are someone in the hobby that people listen to and take seriously.

But whether you pursue this idea or not, keep working on the 6th edition of The Early paper Money of America. I know you are working on other projects also and I look forward to that research reaching print too.

Stay warm, health and happy,
Ray



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi from Trenton

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Apr 14, 2014 at 8:24 AM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Good Morning Eric!

Hope you are doing well today. My friends in C4 are getting excited in anticipation of the sale of your colonial coins next month. It will be quite the event! Is there any chance you'll be able to attend? We would all love to see you in New York that day!

I was wondering... Do you have a ledger book where you noted the source of each colonial coin in your holdings? We colonial collectors attempt to keep pedigree chains intact for future generations - it's part of our sentimental nature I guess. If you should have such a ledger, I would be thrilled if I could have the opportunity, after the auction, to place any pedigree information with each lot and share the information in the C4 Newsletter. Please let me know.

I'm sure that you're happy that this Winter has passed. I'm about ready to put my snow blower into Summer storage. But I do love Winter and being snowbound! When stuck at home, you have the opportunity to reacquaint yourself with your collection, do some research and write a few articles. I just submitted seven articles to the C4 Newsletter, all being one, two and three pages in length. There's nothing scholarly in them, just hobby fun. I know how busy you are, but I hope you get a chance to read them as the editor uses them over the next couple years.

I must get to work now,

Keep working on the 6th edition of Early paper Money.

Hope you and Evelyn are well

Ray Williams



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Fwd: Heritage Sale

1 message

Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Sun, May 18, 2014 at 8:06 AM

To: Print <[REDACTED]>

<div>----- Original message -----</div><div>From: Ray Williams <[REDACTED]> </div>
<div>Date:05/18/2014 5:53 AM (GMT-06:00) </div><div>To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]> Mark - 1345
Borckardt <[REDACTED]> </div><div>Subject: Heritage Sale </div><div>
</div>
Good Morning Eric,

The sun is just peeking over the horizon here in New Jersey and I hope you'll enjoy a wonderful day as this promises to be. I just had to write and let you know how much I enjoyed attending the sale of your colonials on Thursday in New York City. I was there for both sessions and the day passed very quickly. The auctioneer was entertaining and efficient and had us laughing on a number of occasions. I was successful in winning a 1788 CT Copper and an UNC Wood's Halfpenny - both needed as type coins. And I was successful being an agent for a number of friends - it's fun to bid with other people's money! I hope you enjoyed reading the catalog. It will be taken off the bookshelf often as a reference book.

I met your son and daughter in law and enjoyed talking to them for a spell. During the break, I enjoyed a piece of birthday cake after singing Happy Birthday and hearing the verse you wrote. Most cakes with pictures in the icing are meant to be pretty. Your cake was absolutely delicious!!! I wish you could have been there.

I'd like to thank you again for being our guest speaker at the C4 Convention in Boston some years back (at my request), for the wonderful dinner and museum visit during the EAC Convention (2007?), for autographing The Early Paper Money of America for C4 on your 100th Birthday, for your assistance and inspiration. Diane and I still have the passes that Evelyn sent me to visit the Butterfly House, and we will surely do so if we are ever in your area.

I know it's still a week away, but I'd like to wish you a Happy Birthday now.

Looking forward to the 6th edition of Early American Paper Money

Thank you for adding to a lifetime of hobby enjoyment

Your friend from Trenton,

Ray

Mark,

I CC'd you here because all too often in life we only hear complaints. I guess human nature is to be quick to complain and slow to compliment. So, Well Done!

Ray

Good Morning Eric,

The sun is just peeking over the horizon here in New Jersey and I hope you'll enjoy a wonderful day as this promises to be. I just had to write and let you know how much I enjoyed attending the sale of your colonials on Thursday in New York City. I was there for both sessions and the day passed very quickly. The auctioneer was entertaining and efficient and had us laughing on a number of occasions. I was successful in winning a 1788 CT Copper and an UNC Wood's Halfpenny - both needed as type coins. And I was successful being an agent for a number of friends - it's fun to bid with other people's money! I hope

you enjoyed reading the catalog. It will be taken off the bookshelf often as a reference book.

I met your son and daughter in law and enjoyed talking to them for a spell. During the break, I enjoyed a piece of birthday cake after singing Happy Birthday and hearing the verse you wrote. Most cakes with pictures in the icing are meant to be pretty. Your cake was absolutely delicious!!! I wish you could have been there.

I'd like to thank you again for being our guest speaker at the C4 Convention in Boston some years back (at my request), for the wonderful dinner and museum visit during the EAC Convention (2007?), for autographing The Early Paper Money of America for C4 on your 100th Birthday, for your assistance and inspiration. Diane and I still have the passes that Evelyn sent me to visit the Butterfly House, and we will surely do so if we are ever in your area.

I know it's still a week away, but I'd like to wish you a Happy Birthday now.

Looking forward to the 6th edition of Early American Paper Money

Thank you for adding to a lifetime of hobby enjoyment

Your friend from Trenton,

Ray

Mark,

I CC'd you here because all too often in life we only hear complaints. I guess human nature is to be quick to complain and slow to compliment. So, Well Done!

Ray



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Coin Question

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Wed, May 28, 2014 at 11:28 AM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Good Morning Eric,

I hope you had a great time celebrating your birthday on Sunday. I certainly enjoyed celebrating it at the auction just a few days before. Attached is a scan of the two lots I was successful in obtaining at the sale. I was outbid on about a dozen of the NJ Coppers that I thought would be affordable upgrades. My question is: On your coin envelopes you have typewritten information about the coin, sometimes handwritten information too. You also list your cost and then there is a code of some type below the cost. Most collectors will use a code to prevent others from knowing how much was paid for the coin - you didn't. Could you let me know the purpose of the code, and how to decode it, if you're willing?

Thank you!

Ray



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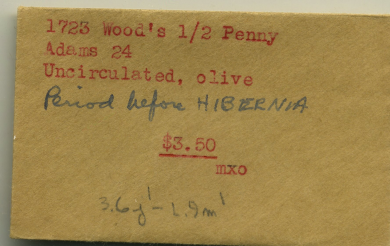
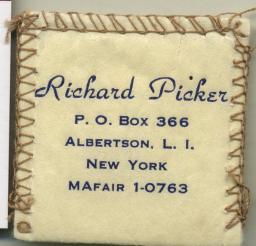


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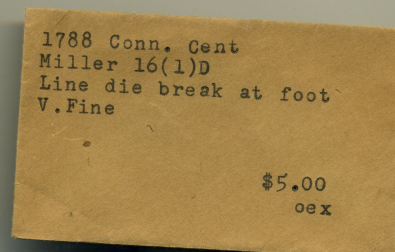
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Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Fwd: [Colonial Numismatics] The Numismatist [1 Attachment]

2 messages

Maureen Levine <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Jul 22, 2014 at 1:35 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Stuart Levine <[REDACTED]> Andy Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric,
Here is some additional correspondence with Ray Williams.
--Maureen

Begin forwarded message:

> From: Maureen Levine <[REDACTED]>
> Subject: Re: [Colonial Numismatics] The Numismatist [1 Attachment]
> Date: July 22, 2014 12:00:18 PM CDT
> To: Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>
>
> Hi Ray,
> The attached is from The Remembrancer, or Impartial repository of public events [ed. by J. Almon]. It's a free Google ebook.
> Best,
> --Maureen
>
> edited by John Almon
> On Jul 9, 2014, at 8:44 PM, Ray Williams <[REDACTED]> wrote:
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>>
>> Hi Maureen,
>> This was posted by Jack Howes, but I don't know what book it came from. Also, Will Nipper has ordered the DWI paper from the Library of Congress. I would like to see the original communication too.
>> Have fun at the wedding, forget about numismatics for a few days.
>> Ray
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>> ----- Original Message -----
>> Subject: Re: [Colonial Numismatics] The Numismatist [1 Attachment]
>> Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2014 22:59:06 -0400
>> From: Jack Howes <[REDACTED]> [colonial-coins] <[REDACTED]>
>> Reply-To: [REDACTED]
>> To: [REDACTED]
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>> Will,
>>
>> See attached. I found this just poking around after reading this thread. It seems to be recounting that same things as this DWI paper -- if I am reading it right. This note appears to be from July 4th, 1776 and talks about replacing lightweight coppers with "a continental copper coin of large size ..."
>> Are you familiar with this report?
>>
>> On 7/3/2014 12:48 PM, 'Will [REDACTED]' [colonial-coins] wrote:
>>> Marc, If they have something in digital form you can download it for free. In this case, it appears to be on microfilm. So, there is a processing fee for creating a digital copy. Best, Will
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>> View attachments on the web
>> Posted by: Jack Howes <[REDACTED]>
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>> <Possible reference July 4th, 1776.jpg>
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Maureen Levine <[REDACTED]>
To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Jul 24, 2014 at 11:09 AM

Begin forwarded message:

> From: Maureen Levine <[REDACTED]>
> Subject: Re: [Colonial Numismatics] The Numismatist [1 Attachment]
> Date: July 22, 2014 12:00:18 PM CDT
> To: Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>
> Bcc: Maureen Levine <[REDACTED]> Stuart Levine <[REDACTED]>

[Quoted text hidden]



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Fwd: [Colonial Numismatics] The Numismatist

1 message

Maureen Levine <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Jul 22, 2014 at 12:55 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Stuart Levine <[REDACTED]> Andy Newman <[REDACTED]>

Dear Eric,

Below is the text of the email from Ray Williams regarding the Alexander Hamilton matter.

--Maureen

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: [Colonial Numismatics] The Numismatist

Date: July 3, 2014 10:02:18 AM CDT

To: [REDACTED]

Hi Maureen,

Below is a series of posts to a colonial coin chat group. Chronologically, you need to read them from the bottom and up. I think one or two of the people posting might write a short article for the C4 Newsletter on this information, and go to the original documents. No where else in American numismatics is history so closely connected to the coins than in our prefederal time period.

It must have been fun working with Eric on that article. I hope he's doing well.

Have fun!

Ray

On 7/2/2014 9:57 PM, Mark Fox <[REDACTED]> [colonial-coins] wrote:

Wednesday, July 2, 2014

Dear Marc and List,

Here is the quote in question, on page 76:

"Hamilton regaled his St. Croix readers with these dramatic events, telling them that 'a most barbarous and infernal plot has been discovered among our Tories.' He sketched a widespread conspiracy, the goal of which was to 'murder all the staff officers, blow up the magazines, and secure the passes of the town.' On June 28 [1776], nearly twenty thousand spectators—virtually every person still in town, Hamilton included—turned out in a meadow near the Bowery to watch Thomas Hickey mount the gallows. The prisoner had remained unrepentant, and Washington decided to make an example of him. Hickey waived the presence of a chaplain, explaining that 'they are all cutthroats.' He kept up his air of bravado until the hangman slipped the noose and blindfold over his head, at which point he briefly wiped away tears. Moments later, his body hung slack from the gallows. In his second dispatch on this sensational event, Hamilton applauded Washington's swift justice. 'It is hoped the remainder of those miscreants now in our possession will meet with a punishment adequate to their crimes.' Hamilton might have ended his dispatch there. Instead, in a curious non sequitur, the future treasury secretary reported rumors that copper coins made with base metal alloys would be called in, possibly replaced by new continental copper coins of larger size. Evidently, the young captain was boning up on monetary policy."

Source for second dispatch: "Extract New York, July 1," Royal Danish American Gazette, August 28, 1776.

Hope this helps.

Best regards,

Mark Fox
Michigan

"Cogito, ergo sum... cogito."

On Wednesday, July 2, 2014 7:56 PM, "marcus mayhugh [redacted] [colonial-coins]" <[redacted]> wrote:

Alexander Hamilton mentioned them in a dispatch to Gen. Washington right in the middle of a description of a spy being hanged. I have the quote somewhere but probably can't find it. It is in Chennow's (sp) biography of Hamilton. Nothing fantastic but neat that he mentioned them.
Marc

On Wednesday, July 2, 2014 9:57 AM, "[redacted] [colonial-coins]" <[redacted]> wrote:

Thanks, Ray. I'll try to locate a copy.
This is a series that really needs study. I can't help but believe that there are relevant documents out there waiting to be discovered.
Hodder alluded to British officers collecting them in New York, in the late summer of 1776, but he used the word "probably" and didn't say where the idea came from. And, they were illustrated (in German) by Matthias Sprengel in 1784.
A couple of years ago, a lady was on the Diane Rehm Show (NPR) talking about a newly-discovered trove of Franklin papers, I think in Paris. She had been studying them. I called in to the show, explained about the continental currency coins and asked her if she had seen any references to them or to any other matters related to coins or currency. Her response was "Not yet." Disappointing and encouraging at the same time.

Best,
Will

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: [Colonial Numismatics] The Numismatist

From: "Ray Williams [redacted] [colonial-coins]" <colonial-coins@yahoogroups.com>

Date: Tue, July 1, 2014 6:38 am

To: [redacted]

> There has been found an earlier reference to the Continental Dollar than
> we had previously known, thus getting closer to 1776 being the date of
> manufacture. And there's info about the Libertas Americana Medal too,
> and other images of the time that were published contemporaneously.
> Ray
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> On 7/1/2014 12:10 AM, 'Will [REDACTED]
> [colonial-coins] wrote:
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>> Ray,
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>> Without asking you to give anything away, does the cont currency coin
>> article contain any new revelations?
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>> Thanks,
>> Will
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>> -----Original message-----
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>> *From: *"Ray Williams [REDACTED] [colonial-coins]"
>> <[REDACTED]>
>> To: *Colonialcoins <[REDACTED]>
>> Sent: *Tue, Jul 1, 2014 01:14:39 GMT+00:00*
>> Subject: *[Colonial Numismatics] The Numismatist
>>
>> Hi Guys,
>> It looks a bit slow on the chat group of late. I received my July
>> Numismatist and found a 20+ page article about the Continental
>> Currency
>> Dollar Coin, by Eric Newman and Maureen Levine. I believe that
>> Maureen
>> is Stu Levine's wife. It's an excellent article and Eric never ceases
>> to amaze - at 103 years old!
>> There are 5 different "Patent Farthings" that were authorized
>> during the reigns of James I and Charles I. I just purchased the
>> missing one in my collection - a Richmond Farthing. I know that
>> Patent
>> farthings have been found at Historic Jamestown, but I don't know
>> which
>> types.
>> I've had fun with a friend's coin, who made a very astute
>> observation that he'll hopefully write-up. We all should study our
>> coins more closely - who knows what we might discover hiding in our
>> collections...
>> Back to work for me.
>> Ray
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Posted by: Mark Fox <[REDACTED]>

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Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Numismatist Article

1 message

Maureen Levine <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Jul 22, 2014 at 12:48 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Andy Newman <[REDACTED]> Stuart Levine <[REDACTED]>

Dear Eric,

Stu forwarded Ray's email regarding our article in The Numismatist. It is below. I will forward the email regarding Hamilton's communication with Washington.

--Maureen

Begin forwarded message:

From: Stuart Levine <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fwd: Maureen
Date: July 3, 2014 8:44:57 AM CDT
To: Levine Maureen <[REDACTED]>

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>
Date: July 2, 2014 at 10:42:19 PM EDT
To: Stuart Levine <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Maureen

Hi Stu,

I enjoyed the article in the Numismatist that Maureen wrote and researched with Eric Newman. Without giving away the content, I shared that this article was excellent and in the current Numismatist with a colonial chat group. There is a wealth of knowledge among the colonial collecting community. It seems as though there may be a reference to the Continental Dollar coinage from 1776 in communication from Hamilton to Washington.

If I could have Maureen's email address, I'll forward to her the complete thread, including the quote of Hamilton to Washington.

Thanks

Ray



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

ANA Summer Seminar

1 message

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Mar 4, 2015 at 2:50 PM

To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric!

I hope you're enjoying good health and better weather than we are about to receive tonight. I wanted to let you know that I plan to attend the brand new ANA Summer Seminar course on colonial paper. John Kraljevich and Erik Goldstein have a new course and I'm sure they will do colonial paper money a great service. I've attended the two courses they taught at the Summer Seminar on colonial coins, and I had a great time! I expect the same for the colonial paper money course. In my opinion, colonial paper has not received the attention in the colonial community that it truly deserves.

I'm looking forward to a 6th edition of your Early Paper Money of America.

Stay Well and

Stay Warm,

Ray Williams



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

NJ Feb 20,1776 Observation

2 messages

Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>
To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Jun 9, 2015 at 9:53 PM

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[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: Maureen Levine <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Jun 10, 2015 at 6:04 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 9:53 PM
To: [Eric Newman](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]

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Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Fwd: NJ Feb 20,1776 Observation

1 message

Eric <[REDACTED]>
To: Print <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Jun 9, 2015 at 11:03 PM

----- Original message -----
From: Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>gt;
Date: 06/09/2015 9:53 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>gt;
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Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Fwd: Re: Feb 1776 NJ bills

3 messages

Eric <[REDACTED]>
To: Stuart & Maureen Levine <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 9:05 PM

----- Original message -----
From: Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>
Date: 06/17/2015 4:48 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: David Gladfelter <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Feb 1776 NJ bills

Hi David,

Attached is a chart reflecting what I've researched with respect to the Feb 20, 1776 NJ signers. Of the thirteen listed as authorized signers in the Early Paper Money of America book, only seven were authorized to sign in the original legislation. The eighth person authorized wasn't in the book.

That being said, I have a few self-doubts in that it would be unlikely that Henry Phillips and Eric could both be wrong, to differing extents.

I suspect one of two situations are responsible for the six names Eric lists as signers that aren't in the original Feb 20th legislation:

Situation #1: Additional legislation was passed at a later date which authorized them to sign.

Situation #2: All six contested names happen to be commissioners for East or West Jersey. Maybe during research Eric mistakenly listed them as being authorized to sign.

I hope to write a short article for the C4 Newsletter about this and much more about the Feb 20, 1776 issue. I hope Eric sees this and can confirm or dispel my suspicions. If I'm right, then maybe the 6th edition of the Early Paper of America book will have an updated list of signers for this issue.

Thanks for the help,
Ray

On Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 04:43 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Ray, great to see your continuing interest in colonial paper and writing about it. Eric won't be offended if you correct him, he actually invites corrections.

Which reminds me -- I was wondering how he determined that there were "first and second printings" of the £3 bill of March 25, 1776 (pages 260 & 261 of the 5th ed.).. Obviously there were two printings, one with only the £3 front and back forms in the chase and the other with the £6 front and back forms also in the chase. But which came first? I think that he is probably right, but he can't rely on the serial numbers for that conclusion. His bill printed with the £6 below it is serial #544 and the one with the wide margin below is #3390. But guess what? I have a £3 with part of the £6 below which is serial #6124 and one with the wide margin which is serial #1650. Just the converse of his. So all that the serial numbers prove is that they were written on the bills after all of them were printed, and in no particular order. As I remember, Scott Rubin wrote that the 3/25/1776 issue was probably not signed and numbered until 1777 but I would have to look that up.

Think I'll copy Eric on this thread, just for his info and possible comment. Maybe both of us are out to lunch. For me it won't be the first time.

David.

From: "Ray Williams" <[REDACTED]>
To: "David Gladfelter" <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 7:54:59 AM
Subject: Re: Feb 1776 NJ bills

Thanks David,

I'm working on an article about the Feb 1776 issue. I'm disappointed that I have not heard back about the authorized signatures from Eric Newman... I hope he's okay. Stu Hanebuth has made a chart of the Feb bills and it's very telling about the issue. I'm convinced that Newman made a mistake by adding too many names to the authorized names for this issue. It looks like the legislation instructions were followed as the signers signed first, then the sheets were given to the treasurers for the final signature. It also looks like Cowenhoven was used to sign for Dunham on a couple occasions. The sequencing of the serial numbers will be fun to try to explain. It should make a good article for C4N.

Thinking about articles, I have two approved for the Asylum!

Gotta run

Thanks

Ray

On Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 05:58 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

OK, the 6s is #2763 with Fisher, Dunham and Dennis in that order, the 15s is #2542 with Hart, How and Samuel Tucker, the 30s is B 8361 with Fisher, Cowenhoven and Dennis and the £3 is A 7296 with Dunham, Fisher and Dennis. The 6s and 15s do not have plate letters.

You're up to something? I'm curious.

David.

From: "Ray Williams" <[REDACTED]>
To: "David Gladfelter" <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 9:50:20 PM
Subject: Feb 1776 NJ bills

Hi David,

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Maureen Levine <[REDACTED]>
To: Eric <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Jun 18, 2015 at 12:20 PM

I have forwarded this to Stu.

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 17, 2015, at 10:05 PM, Eric <[REDACTED]> wrote:

----- Original message -----

From: Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>
Date: 06/17/2015 9:01 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: David Gladfelter <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>
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Hi David,

I read and reread your observations about the March 1776 £6 & £3 bills. I agree - there is no proof that the dual-denomination sheets were printed before the sheets having only the £3 bills, but Eric is probably correct. The printing order can not be confirmed by the serial numbers. I agree that the March 1776 bills probably weren't signed and placed in circulation until 1777 - Sam Tucker still had unsigned (actually 2 signatures of the three required) Feb 1776 bills in his possession on Dec 9, 1776.

Did you catch the typo on page 261? In the second line of the second paragraph is written "(£6250 required)" where it should read "(6250 required)".

Time to say good night
Have fun!
Ray

On Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 04:43 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Ray, great to see your continuing interest in colonial paper and writing about it. Eric won't be offended if you correct him, he actually invites corrections.

Which reminds me -- I was wondering how he determined that there were "first and second printings" of the £3 bill of March 25, 1776 (pages 260 & 261 of the 5th ed.).. Obviously there were two printings, one with only the £3 front and back forms in the chase and the other with the £6 front and back forms also in the chase. But which came first? I think that he is probably right, but he can't rely on the serial numbers for that conclusion. His bill printed with the March below it is serial #544 and the one with the wide margin below is #3390. But guess what? I have a £3 with part of the £6 below which is serial #6124 and one with the wide margin which is serial #1650. Just the converse of his. So all that the serial numbers prove is that they were written on the bills after all of them were printed, and in no particular order. As I remember, Scott Rubin wrote that the 3/25/1776 issue was probably not signed and numbered until 1777 but I would have to look that up.

Think I'll copy Eric on this thread, just for his info and possible comment. Maybe both of us are out to lunch. For me it won't be the first time.

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Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Re: Abraham Clark

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Maureen Levine <[REDACTED]>

Fri, Jul 31, 2015 at 10:52 AM

To: Ray Williams <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Stu Levine <[REDACTED]> Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Hi Ray,

Yes, thank you. It's a tad hot here as well.

Would you please send an image of your note? We'd like to show it to Eric and retain a copy for our files.

I'll make a note about the correction on page 24.

The release date of the 6th edition has yet to be determined.

Thank you,

--Maureen

> On Jul 30, 2015, at 1:57 PM, Ray Williams <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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> Hi Maureen!

> I hope you're having fun this Summer. It's a little too hot for me in NJ. Just a couple more items for consideration in the 6th edition of Eric Newman's book...

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> First... I obtained a NJ Feb 20 1776 bill for my collection. It does show beyond a shadow of a doubt that Covenhoven is the correct spelling, not Cowenhoven.

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> Can you share an anticipated date for the release of the 6th edition?

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> Thanks!

> Ray